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Applicants : Wolfgang KLAPP et al.

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For : BICYCLE TIRE WITH REINFORCEMENT LAYER

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 26, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2007, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until March 26, 2008.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining pendency of the application. However, if for any reason an extension of time and/or any fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, including any extension of time and/or claim fee, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Remarks/Arguments begin on 9 of this paper.

Entry of this reply and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.